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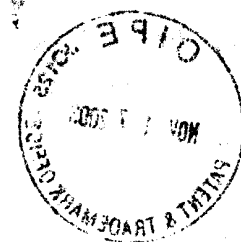
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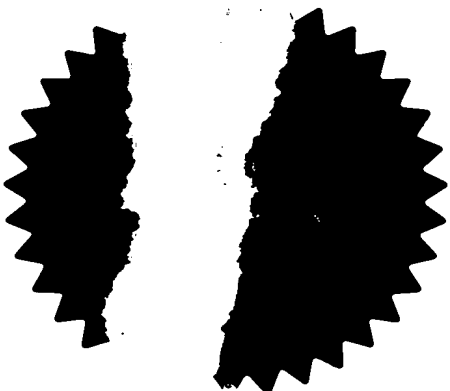
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Title: Airflow Control Systems

Description of Invention

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This invention is concerned with improvements relating to airflow control systems, and is an improvement in or modification of the invention the subject of my co-pending application 0219552.7, the contents of which are deemed to be included herein.

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In the specification of my above mentioned co-pending application there is described an air pressure stabiliser comprising a pivot mechanism for mounting across an opening, to provide a pivot axis extending across the opening, and a control member arranged to be mounted on the pivot mechanism thereby to be rotatable about the pivot axis for movement between a closed position in which it substantially closes the opening, and an open position, characterised in that the stabiliser further comprises a pressure sensor arranged to sense the pressure on one side of the control member, drive means which is arranged in use to engage with the pivot mechanism, and a controller, which in use activates the drive means depending upon the pressure sensed.

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The air pressure stabiliser above defined is for example used in the maintenance of an environmental pressure slightly above atmospheric pressure, such as in a surgically clean environment, to prevent possibly contaminated air from flowing into the environment.

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However, I have appreciated that the invention the subject of my co-pending application has broader application, and may be used to advantage in the provision of a gas flow at a constant rate, or at a desirable variable rate.

Thus, the pressure drop across the control member may be used to obtain a figure which is functional of the flow rate through the opening.

The functionality which establishes the relationship between the flow rate and the pressure differential may be calculated or established empirically, as may the angle at which the control member extends to obtain a desired flow rate with a specified pressure differential. In this manner, by utilising the drive
5 means to cause the control member to adopt a position dependant upon the pressure differential sensed, a desired flow rate through the opening may be obtained.

Specifically, the control member will respond to a reduction in the pressure differential sensed to cause the control member to open further, to
10 maintain the desired flow rate, or in a closing direction, should the pressure differential increase, indicating a higher flow rate.

If desired, the pressure sensor may comprise two pressure responsive devices, one arranged on either side of the control member, providing outputs which may be subtracted to provide a pressure differential signal.
15 Alternatively, a single device may be utilised, such as a diaphragm, opposite sides of which being subjected to the pressure from the two sides of the flow control member.

A particular use for a control of this kind is the supply of a constant flow of air through a clean room.

20 In the present specification "comprises" means "includes or consists of" and "comprising" means "including or consisting of".

The features disclosed in the foregoing description, or the following claims, or the accompanying drawings, expressed in their specific forms or in terms of a means for performing the disclosed function, or a method or process
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